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SUBJECT : SECRETARY'S VISIT - PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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B - STATE 081235

1. ARRIVAL WILL BE AT ORLY'S PAVILLON D'HONNEUR, A SOMEWHAT OVAL-SHAPED STRUCTURE -- WELL-KNOWN TO THOSE WHO HAVE TRAVELLED HERE WITH THE SECRETARY -- SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS DISTANT FROM THE MAIN AIRPORT FACILITIES. THE SECRETARY WILL PASS THROUGH THIS BUILDING TO REACH THE MOTORCADE, AND ANY ARRIVAL STATEMENT WOULD NORMALLY BE MADE INSIDE. PARIS-BASED PRESS WILL COVER ARRIVAL FROM BALCONY INSIDE PAVILLON. NEWSMEN FROM PLANE WHO WISH TO GO ONTO THIS BALCONY SHOULD WALK AROUND ENTRANCE ON LEFT SIDE OF PAVILLON. OTHERS SHOULD WALK FURTHER IN SAME DIRECTION TO REACH PRESS BUSES. PAO BURNETT ANDERSON WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET FUNSETH.

2. WE FEEL THAT ARRIVAL REMARKS WOULD BE QUITE HELPFUL

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HERE. RECOMMEND REMARKS NOTE THE CLOSE TIES

EXISTING BETWEEN FRANCE AND MUCH OF AFRICA, THAT THE SECRETARY HAS COME TO FRANCE TO BRIEF THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON HIS TRIP AND TO COMPARE NOTES. ALSO, THAT THE SECRETARY WISHED A LAST-MINUTE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PRESIDENTIAL AGENDA FOR GISCARD'S UPCOMING TRIP TO THE U.S. PLEASE INDICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER SECRETARY WILL INDEED HAVE ARRIVAL REMARKS, AS THIS WILL INFLUENCE HOW MANY NEWSMEN WILL PLAN TO COVER ARRIVAL.

3. IF NEWSMEN GET ABOARD WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, BUSES WILL JOIN MOTORCADE FOR TRIP TO HOTEL CRILLON. (ACTUALLY, BUSES SHOULD MAKE GOOD TIME INTO PARIS EVEN IF UNACCOMPANIED, DUE TO THE LATE HOUR). USIS HAS SET UP PRESS CENTER IN GROUND-FLOOR CITRONNIERS ROOM OF HOTEL CRILLON, WHICH WILL BE OPEN AS LATE AS REQUIRED ON MAY 6 AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 0800 ON MAY 7. PTT WILL MAN ONE TELEX AND TWO LONG-DISTANCE PHONES (PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES THIS IS SUFFICIENT, SINCE MOST NEWSMEN HAVE PREFERRED TO FILE FROM PARIS THROUGH THEIR BUREAUS).

4. WIRE-SERVICE COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO PARTY, WITH SUMMARIES, AS DIRECTED REFTEL A.

5. SECRETARY'S PUBLIC REMARKS WILL BE RECORDED AND REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT, AS DIRECTED REFTEL B.

6. ELYSEE IS NOT YET CLEAR ON POOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVENTS OF MAY 7, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT FOR BREAKFAST, IN ANY EVENT, POOL WILL BE SMALL AND WILL CONSIST EQUALLY OF FRENCH AND AMERICANS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO OPEN POOLS TO MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELING PRESS, BUT DOUBT WE WILL GET THEM ALL IN. WILL LET FUNSETH KNOW UPON ARRIVAL HOW MANY PASSES WE HAVE GOT.

7. OLIVIER TODD, FOREIGN EDITOR OF (LEFT-LEANING) FRENCH WEEKLY NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR, HAS ASKED TO SEE SECRETARY DURING PARIS STOP, BE IT ON THE RECORD, OFF THE RECORD, OR ON BACKGROUND. WE HAVE TOLD TODD WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD PASS ON HIS REQUEST BUT WERE NOT HOPEFUL. FYI, TODD ONCE INTERVIEWED MR. FORD WHEN HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT, AND WE BELIEVE HE KNOWS THE SECRETARY. HE CONTRIBUTES AN OCCASIONAL COLUMN TO NEWSWEEK. HE WILL COVER GISCARD TRIP TO THE U.S. FOR NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR.

8. FYI, WE UNDERSTAND CY SULZBERGER HAS PUT IN REQUEST THROUGH HIS OWN CHANNELS TO SEE THE SECRETARY BEFORE

BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY.

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